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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Menlo Park – Over 87 Million Affected by Facebook Scandal

(U) Facebook revealed that tens of millions more people might have been exposed in the Cambridge Analytica privacy scandal than previously thought and said it will restrict the user data that outsiders can access. Facebook said yesterday that as many as 87 million people might have had their data accessed, an increase from the 50 million disclosed in published reports. Facebook is basing the estimate in part on the number of friends each user might have had. Cambridge Analytica said in a statement that it had data for only 30 million people.

SOURCE: 4 April 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Sacramento – Crime Syndicate's Alleged Pot Grows Lead to Seizure of 100 Homes

(U) Hundreds of federal and local law enforcement agents have seized roughly 100 Northern California houses purchased with money wired to the United States by a Chinese-based crime organization and used to grow massive amounts of marijuana illegally, authorities said yesterday. The raids culminate a months-long investigation focusing on dozens of Chinese nationals who bought homes in seven counties. Most of the buyers were in the country legally and came from as far away as Georgia, Illinois, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania, US Attorney McGregor Scott said. The drug is legal in California but requires permits to grow and can't be sent across state lines. Black-market pot farms are often set up in the inland region where authorities carried out the raids because it's cheaper than the SF Bay Area.

SOURCE: 4 April 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – More Suspicious Packages Found

(U) Washington – The FBI now says a Seattle-area man may be connected to as many as 18 suspicious packages sent to government facilities in and around Washington, DC. Forty-three-year-old Thanh Cong Phan was arrested last week in Washington state. Yesterday, the FBI said additional suspicious packages that appear like those allegedly mailed by Phan were recovered over the last few days. Investigators say those packages were also sent to government facilities and were safely recovered. Phan remains in custody federally charged with shipping explosive materials. He's accused of mailing packages to government and military agencies including FBI headquarters, the CIA, Fort Belvoir, and Fort McNair.

SOURCE: 4 April 2018, [WJLA](#)

(U) Oklahoma – Man Arrested After Threat to Blow Up Mosque

(U) Oklahoma City – A man accused of threatening to blow up a mosque is now behind bars. Last month, authorities say 54-year-old Larry Dewayne Hornsby allegedly walked into the Islamic Society of Greater Oklahoma City and said that he wanted to “blow up this building.” Oklahoma City police began

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investigating the threat and were able to identify Hornsby as the alleged suspect after looking at surveillance video. Hornsby was arrested on two complaints of making a bomb threat or conveying information known to be false.

SOURCE: 4 April 2018, [Oklahoma News 4](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Germany – Woman Caught at Airport With 10 Kilos of Crystal Meth**

(U) Frankfurt – German police have detained a 25-year-old Mexican woman at Frankfurt Airport after they discovered more than 10 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine in her hand luggage. Police said that the woman was in custody and the drugs she had been carrying had a street value of \$1 million. Police said their suspicions were raised after the woman gave implausible information about her travel plans at passport control following her arrival from Mexico. Police also said her luggage and funds did not match the story she provided. When police searched the 25-year-old's suitcase they found 10 Tupperware containers filled with an unknown substance. Customs officers were then brought into the equation and determined the substance was crystal meth.

SOURCE: 4 April 2018, [DW](#)

(U) Israel – Ten Arrested and Suspected of Planning Attack on Navy Ship

(U) Gaza – Israel said it had thwarted a planned terrorist attack, arresting 10 Palestinians suspected of plotting an attack on a navy ship off the Gaza Strip coast. The planned attack comes after a violent demonstration on the Gaza border over the weekend orchestrated by Hamas, the terrorist organization that governs the territory. Israeli forces killed 18 Palestinians, 11 of them young male operatives in Hamas and other terrorist groups. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised the country's security service for stopping the planned assault.

SOURCE: 4 April 2018, [The Washington Free Beacon](#)

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